

Emery County Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

Date: March 21, 2022

Location: 75 East Main Street, Castle Dale, Utah
Box Conference Room

In Attendance: Ignacio Arien, Chase Majors, Ben Lehnhoff, Richard (Scott) McClaughry, Preston Wilson, Del Mead, Britni Moreno, Stoney Jensen, Jeff Guymon (Emery County IT), Jeremy (Forest, Fire & State Lands), Stuart & Christian (with BLM) Brian (with Weidner Fire), Mark Hales & Scott Hansen (with Siddius Martin), Holly Fonville, Secretary.

Ignacio called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of minutes for February, 2022. Stoney made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes, Chase seconded the motion, motion approved unanimously.

2. UFRA comments and business. Riley talked about the regional fire school to be held April 22-23, 2022. Lori will post it online at the Emery Regional School. Members can sign up their names on the classes. The available classes are Friday 6p.m.--10p.m. the search and rescue class. And the second class will be at the same time, the Live Fire Attack. Riley is going to need addresses where he can place the props. On Saturday, April 23, the search and rescue class will be offered from 8a.m.--12p.m. There will be a second search and rescue class offered from 1:00p.m.--5p.m. They will offer a class all day from 8a.m.--5p.m. extricating cars. They will be needing cars to cut up. Riley will forward reports as classes fill up.

Regional 2023 he is looking to schedule on April 21-22, 2023, add it to our calendars.

Winter fire school was successful. There were 607 fire fighters that showed up.

3. State Fire Marshal's Office comments and business.

Nobody present.

4. Forestry, Fire and State Lands comments and business. Jeremy reported about the Engine Academy in Huntington this weekend, we will have to cancel if more don't sign up before Wednesday. We only have 6 signed up between Carbon and Emery County. They will be doing S211 this year, portable pump and water use on Friday, March 25, from 6

p.m.--10p.m., and Saturday, the 26th from 8 a.m. to whenever they are finished. Huntington volunteered to host it at their fire department so we will be teaching it there. Jeremy needs a head count because Friday night they will be providing dinner and Saturday lunch for everyone attending. The Wildland Grant will be out at the end of May or the first part of June. It is sounding like a chance to get good funding around \$10-\$15,000. A letter will be coming out to the Fire Chiefs. If you need help with the grant, Jeremy can help with that process, he is very familiar and has been successful in the past. Jeremy will be coming around to do inventories in the next couple of weeks. He will be contacting the Chiefs so he has access to the stations. Also, when you get your UDOT safety inspections done this year, make sure you give Jeremy a copy of those, without a current safety inspection, you don't get paid. As of the first of the year, red card submissions have to be done through the portal, not sent directly to Rudy. That needs to be before May 31, 2022 this year. We have a new Incidental Response pocket guide provided by the BLM that was handed out. The guys that took the red card class in Ferron last year need to come to the refresher course at the Elmo Fire Department on March 30th from 6p.m.--10p.m. This will be the last class this year. It is up to the Chiefs to do the pac test, they are the ones that vouch for the red card. Chase also let Jeremy know that they will have no restroom facilities so Porta Johns need to be brought in. There is a field day scheduled in Wellington on Apr 9, 2022 . If we are needing another field day, coordinate with Jeremy and he can help with that.

5. BLM comments and business. Stuart, Fire Management officer for BLM, we have 3 projects in Emery County this year. Fuels buffer on Hwy 124 from East Carbon to Sunnyside, only about 1 ½ miles. Another one where we did that mastication project a couple of years ago (on poison springs bench), we are going to extend it further south. We are working with UDOT, they are going to mow and grind in the borrow pits, from Hwy 10 out toward Spider Wolf exit to Hanksville. This last week we burned piles on the San Rafael Ridge south of Green River. From June 1-Oct 31 to midnight no burn zone.

6. Jeff Guymon Radios. The main reason he wanted to be here is to open up conversation about radios and answer any questions we might have. He works with Jeremy to make sure the database is correct. He is doing a google share. On google drive we have a fire district folder showing all the agendas, minutes and now we will be adding a radio folder. Jeremy helped correct frequencies that we had that were incorrect. Also reference inner agency response. A national (Federal Fire) to integrate with them. Jeff will continue to build the bank to make sense for Jeff and for our Firefighters. We communicate on the VHF channel. The state is moving towards an 800

mh digital channel. But you have to have the state program them. The problem is the cost is about \$4,000. We have a great VHF system and we will continue to maintain it. Protocol is for you to still call dispatch if you are having any problems and they will get in touch with Jeff or someone in IT. Chase suggested doing a District SOP when we get this in place. When the new one is completed, we will go over it again, and make sure we are all on the same page. When you are training, use the VTac channel, where it doesn't record. Jeff will get back to us when the plan is all complete.

7. Weidner Fire SCBA Flow Testing. Discuss the Vote. We are required to do flow testing every other year. We do pump testing the odd years. We got a quote from Weidner Fire.. We have been going through L.N. Curtis but Weidner has given us a better price . Weidner's quote was \$85.00/pack, \$1200 if you have a compressor, and \$8 additional face piece for the initial machine. L.N. Curtis's price is about \$50/pack more expenses. We have had both in our stations. Chase made a Motion to go with Weidner Fire for Flow testing this year, Scott seconded the motion, motion approved unanimously.

8. Discuss and vote on scene lights. Ignacio has a motion to table until today's meeting. Siddius Martin did the presentation. Mark Hales demonstrated the scene lighting. The 12 volt charger will run 6 hours on high, or it will run 12 hrs on 600 lums. It has an ac/dc charger. It takes a couple of hours to charge it. Cost is \$165. Lifetime warranty. Magnetic bases can sit on a car and are flexible, it can be taken in house. No battery option. Our new trucks come with inverters. Our other option Dell presented is a Dewalt single light with tripod (it does not come with a carrying case), battery/charger for \$220. Siddius Martin will bring them to us. Stoney made a motion to purchase 16 lights from Siddius Martin, Britni seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Ignacio ordered 2 pr stations, 16 total lights.

9. Discuss and vote on fans. Siddius Martin brought 3 fans for us to choose from. First option is an 18" fan 1.2 Dewalt battery, cost is \$5,095. Second, Tempest VS 1.2 18" fan (Chase will get a quote from L.N. Curtis to compare price at the next meeting), /Siddius Martin price is \$4875 with a 70 min run time. The third option was a box fan for \$4825. All are FDA approved. We will need to bid it out. We will table it, pending Chase's pending quotes. Chase made a motion to table the fan purchase pending quotes, Preston seconded the motion, approved unanimously.,

10. Fire Truck Refurbishment Project. Phase 2 Update. Trucks are still in Florida being built, hopefully in September we will hear something. Mark said he will give us 3-4 weeks notice so we can prepare.

11. Fire Truck Refurbishment Project. Phase 3 Update. Ignacio is going to the meeting to vote to see if we can even get the grant on Mar 31, 2022 . If we get approved, then we will go to CIB. We need to hold a Public meeting next month. The

fire trucks will be going to Orangeville, Elmo, Ferron and Emery Fire stations. The prior quote from Siddius Martin was \$339,000 per unit before May, the estimated cost after May is \$388,000 per unit. June is our next docket date. We will raise the money for the grant.

12. Motion to pay bills. Stoney made a motion to pay bills, Stoney seconded the motion, approved unanimously. The scene lighting invoice will be added to this when we receive it.

13. Chief's Round Table. Ignacio announced the burn window inside city limits for Emery County is open, Closes May 30, 2022 midnight. Jeremy reported that the Legislature looked at a bill, making it illegal to burn on red flag days. It tabled for this year but if it passes next year, it will make it a Class B misdemeanor if passed. Chase is recommending a district standard training requirement, Ignacio reporting it is tough because you have to have all Chief's on board. All we can do as a district is the power of the Chiefs, we can upgrade our SOP's but we have no power over the Chiefs. The District is set up to provide funding only. Ignacio has sent things to the Commissioner and the District Attorney's office and it has not been responded to. Nosh feels like you cannot gain any traction other than funding. The district was started to support the cities and exchange for fire fighting in the county. The county holds the trucks, so we don't want to get into a battle. In the past we have had district training but it died down and someone dropped the ball. Britini asked if Chase had any specifics in mind. As long as you follow the guidelines, Nosh will support. Chase can work on some ideas for district training and bring them to the next meeting. Chase also mentioned a water tender. Huntington city has been talking about purchasing one, it would be an extra resource for us. It doesn't need to be red carded per Jeremy, because it is a non tactical classification. Britni spoke on the Annual EC Fire Fighter Games scheduled for at 9 a.m.. She is needing a tentative count of how many are attending. Please let Britni know if attending, she will be sending out rosters. She is welcoming any suggestions or comments, please let her know. Itinerary looks great to Fire Fighters.

14. Citizens' concerns.

No citizens present.